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10 Understanding Accreditation

Most students do not understand the importance of accreditation when selecting a college or university. Making a wise school selection that considers the institutional accreditation can save you disappointment, money, and time.

To assist you in understanding accreditation we have located an on-line guide for you to use. Listed below are the web links you should review to enhance your understanding of accreditation. In the future, you should refer to these links to evaluate the schools that you are considering.

<http://www.degree.net/guides/accreditation.html>

http://www.degree.net/guides/accreditation_guide.html

http://www.degree.net/guides/gaap_listings.html

http://www.degree.net/guides/non-gaap_listings.html

http://www.degree.net/guides/accreditation_faqs.html

<http://www.degree.net/guides/faqs.html>

http://www.degree.net/guides/checking_out2.html

Upon completing your accreditation study on the web, try to answer the following questions.

1. Explain the difference between regional accreditation of schools and professional accreditation of degree programs.

2. Name the six regional accrediting associations that have responsibility for accrediting entire colleges or universities. Degrees awarded by accredited colleges/universities are referred to as degrees from an accredited institution.

3. Is professional accreditation for certain degree programs important? Explain why or why not.

4. Will a degree or credits earned from an institution that is not regionally accredited be considered legitimate by all potential employers and/or other colleges/universities?

5. Is asking a school about its accreditation status sufficient when researching a college or university? Why?

6. List several approaches to determining the accreditation status of a school.

7. Determine the regional accreditation status of the following schools located in the Central Florida area.

University of Central FL _____

Rollins College _____

Stetson _____

Webster University _____

National-Louis _____

Seminole Community College _____

ITT Technical Institute _____

Florida Technical College _____

Full Sail _____

University of Phoenix-Florida _____

Florida Metropolitan University _____

8. Rollins College and Stetson University are private institutions. Do they readily accept credits earned from SCC or UCF and visa versa?

9. Are you wiser about accreditation issues related to institutions of higher learning?

10. What role will accreditation play in your choice of a college/university?
